Biostatistics, MS

Admission

Applicants to the MS program in biostatistics must apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). After the SOPHAS application is verified, the applicant pays a supplemental Graduate College admission fee to the University of Iowa Office of Admissions. For detailed application information, visit Requirements and How to Apply to Biostatistics on the Department of Biostatistics website.

The biostatistics faculty considers several factors when evaluating applications for admission, including grade-point averages, letters of recommendation, intent and motivation for graduate study, and research interests.

All applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree and have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00.

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official test scores to verify English proficiency. Applicants can verify English proficiency by submitting official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). They must score at least 100 (internet-based) on the TOEFL. Applicants with lower scores are not considered for admission. In place of TOEFL scores, the department accepts IELTS scores of 7.0 or higher, with no subscore below 6.0, and the Duolingo English Test (DET) with a score of at least 105. See English Proficiency Requirements on the Graduate Admissions website for waiver eligibility.

All biostatistics applicants are required to have strong written and oral communication skills.

All applicants must be competent in at least one computer programming language. They also must have mathematical sciences training in methods and techniques of single variable and multivariable differential and integral calculus, and in linear algebra. Previous coursework or experience in statistical methods or data analysis is preferred.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Students may enter in the fall; the priority application deadline is Dec. 1.